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SUBJECT: BILLETING FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO COAST GUARD

1. GOT COAST GUARD IS MAKING COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER FLIGHT TRAINING AT EITHER BURNSIDE OTT OR M.E. RIDDLE AIRFIELDS IN FLORIDA LATER THIS MONTH FOR FOUR OF ITS OFFICERS AND RATINGS IN A CESSNA 402B.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE TRAINING, COAST GUARD REQUESTS WHETHER BILLETING CAN BE ARRANGED FOR THEIR PERSONNEL AT OPALOCKA NAVAL AIR STATION ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS FOR FOUR TO FIVE WEEKS BEGINNING ABOUT MARCH 14.

3. CG OFFICERS AND RATINGS WILL BE PROVIDED MONEY TO PAY DIRECTLY FOR MEALS. HOWEVER, IT IS GOT PRACTICE TO PAY FOR LODGING COSTS AFTER COMPLETION OF STAY AND UPON SUBMISSION OF BILL. THEREFORE, OFFICERS WOULD NOT BE PAYING BOQ ROOM BILLS DIRECTLY, FOR INSTANCE, BUT BILL WOULD NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THIS EMBASSY FOR SUBMISSION TO GOT AND SUBSEQUENT REPAYMENT. THIS HAS WORKED SUCCESSFULLY IN THE PAST, ALBEIT WITH SOME DELAY, AND GOT EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IS THEN AUTHORIZED TO SETTLE ROOM BILL.

4. BILLETING COURTESIES WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND RATINGS:

L.T. CDR. R. S. ARCHBALD (PILOT)

L.T. CDR. L. MCINTOSH (COPILOT)

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PETTY OFFICER K. JASPER (ENGINEER)

LEADING RATE F. MOHAMMED (ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN)

5. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME BEFORE ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE, WOULD
APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE INDICATING WHETHER BILLETING
WILL BE AVAILABLE AND POINT OF CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL AT OPALOCKA.
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